

He who stands in his own light,
Holds even in his pocket
A poverty stricken purse.

WE DON'T MEAN TO SAY
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clothing from us

WHILE THIS GREAT SALE LASTS!

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own light by refusing to see whether we can or can't do bet-
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CLOTHING AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS
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Remember it is only a short time before our Grand Up'ght
Piano will be given away free of charge.

REMEMBER OUR PIANO CONTEST!

Every cash purchaser of 50 cents worth of goods will receive
a coupon. At the expiration of time the person holding the great-
est number of coupons will receive the **HANDSOME UPRIGHT**
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A few days ago we told you about the Carpenter Hosiery
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you about three greater bargains, bought under most favor-
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A quantity of Men's Seamless $\frac{1}{2}$ Hosiery.	Kind—Misses. Style—Fine Ribbed.	Writing Paper. Kind—Box.
Colors—Slate and ecru.	Color—Fast Black.	Color—Baled.
Finish—Perfect.	Finish—Double Knee	Color—Cream White.
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THE WORK OF DIVERS

**Their Task In the Submerged
Maine Is Difficult.**

COURT OF INQUIRY VISITS WRECK

Another of the Victims of the Disaster
Succumbs to His Injuries—The Bodies
That Have Been Recovered Are
Very Much Mutilated.

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—The court of in-
quiry opened at half past 10 and took
recess at half past 12. Lieutenant G. F.
W. Holman, navigator and ordnance of-
ficer of the Maine, was examined at the
morning session. The court met for the
afternoon session at half past 1 and
Lieutenant Commander R. Wainwright,
executive officer of the Maine, was
called to the witness stand. Lieuten-
ant Commander Wainwright has been in
immediate charge of the wreck since
the explosion.

Four divers are at work, two in the
fore part of the ship and the others aft.
The task is most laborious, and the
men are naturally extremely careful
as they have had to work in complete
darkness, and several have had bac-
falls. Electric lights, worked from the
Mangrove, are now available, and much
good is expected from them. Nearly all
the possible salvage has now been made
from the cabin aft. The efforts to reach
the ward and mess rooms are frustrat-
ed by some unknown obstacle. It is
expected to find bodies in these rooms.
Two cases of 10-inch ammunition have
been found, one having exploded and
the other full of powder. These were
found forward.

The work of securing the bodies under
the hatch has been most difficult in the



LIEUT. COMMANDER POTTER.
[Member Court of Inquiry.]

dark, but it is hoped that the electric
lights will be of great assistance. The
bodies are much mutilated, and some
are partially burned.

The officers of the court of inquiry
paid a visit to the wreck yesterday.
Captain Sampson, after the visits of
the members of the court to the captain
general and Admiral Manterola, said
the reception extended them had been
polite and cordial. The captain general
and admiral had expressed deep sym-
pathy and the hope that nothing would
interfere to prevent a thorough inves-
tigation. They offered to give any help
in their power. Captain Sampson re-
ferred to the visits as "tending to pro-
mote a better understanding."

Gunner Charles Morgan of the cruiser
New York, who is in charge of the di-
vers, will devote special attention to ex-
amining the ammunition in the fore
part of the Maine's hull and to ascer-
taining the condition of the plates,
magazines and engines. He is a gradu-
ate in gunnery and is regarded as en-
tirely competent, as indeed are all the
divers under his direction. He is under
strict orders not to give out anything on
the subject of his investigations, except
to the officers of the court of inquiry,
when called upon.

George W. Koebeler of Brooklyn died
yesterday at the Military hospital. All
the other injured show some improve-
ment. La Lucha, in an editorial, com-
ments upon the "unfairness of the United
States in making Captain Sigbee the
court of inquiry." The editorial is
evidently based on incorrect informa-
tion from the United States, as naval
officers here say it is impossible under
the rules constituting naval courts of
inquiry that the captain commanding
the ship destroyed should have any-
thing to do with the findings of the
court, being in one sense on trial him-
self. It is made Captain Sigbee's duty
to give all the testimony as to the facts
in his possession. La Lucha claims al-
so that the court of inquiry is not con-
stituted as it would be by any other of
the great powers, but in this particular
the paper is evidently laboring under
further misinformation.

The Autonomist government has con-
firmed the appointment of Senor Manuel
Rafael Angulo, as delegate of the
colonial government in Washington, to
prepare a commercial treaty, according
to instructions which he will receive
from Senor Montoro and Senor Rodrig-
uez, the colonial secretaries of the
treasury and of commerce, respectively.
It has been also decided to reserve the
posts of directors in the hospitals and
the asylum for persons of known non-
partisanship, provided they acknowl-
edge the new regime and return to the
island.

WRECKING CONTRACT SIGNED.

What the Government Is Doing In Con-
nection With the Disaster.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—All the gov-
ernment departments were closed in
Washington yesterday save the navy
department, where a few of the offi-
cials assembled to receive any dis-
patches that might arrive and to close
the contract with the wreckers for the
recovery of the effects on the Maine

and the vessel herself, if that be prac-
ticable. The signing of the wrecking
contract was the most important event
of the day, and this concluded the offi-
cials closed up shop and went home to
enjoy a respite from the rush of the
past week.

Captain Sigbee was heard from in a
dispatch which indicates that close at-
tention will be given to the coal bunkers
by the naval court of inquiry at Ha-
vana. Officials unquestionably have
been for some time preparing for any
emergency that may arise, but appear-
ances at the department would indicate
that all necessary orders have already
been given and that the situation is
not one calling for immediate activity
at Washington.

The Castine and Cincinnati, in ac-
cordance with orders made known some
time ago, are to move much farther
north to West Indian waters, and at
Norfolk the monitor Terror has been
ordered to be in readiness and may be
sent to New York later. The senate
passed a bill to add two artillery reg-
iments to the strength of the army. This
measure has been urged for many
months by officials of the war depart-
ment, who foresaw that, while congress
of late years had taken measures for
the protection of our coasts by consid-
erable appropriations for defensive
works and great guns, it had not pro-
vided the men necessary to operate
these engines of war. Should the house
pass the bill it will enable the depart-
ment to carry out plans it has long had
in view.

Legislative provision for the relief
of the victims of the Maine disaster oc-
cupied the house committee on naval
affairs all day, a general measure being
agreed on late in the afternoon similar
to the relief measure that followed the
Samoan disaster in 1889. The resolu-
tion will be finally passed upon at a spe-
cial meeting of the committee and im-
mediately reported by Chairman Bou-
telle and its passage by the house ex-
pected.

LESSON OF THE MAINE.

Captain Mahan Speaks of the Self Control
of All on Board.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 23.—At the
dinner of the Society of the Cincinnati
last evening among those who spoke
were Dr. T. M. Cheeseman, President
Patton, Dr. Shields, William Potter,
William Hornblower and Captain Ma-
han, U. S. N., retired.

Captain Mahan paid a glowing tribute
to Captain Sigbee of the Maine as a
man and an officer. Of the men of the
Maine he said they were worthy of the
commander they had, and that was say-
ing a great deal. The actions of the
survivors, both officers and men, show-
ed the careful training they had. Their
self possession and presence of mind
under the horrifying conditions that
existed that night showed perfect con-
trol and discipline.

Captain Mahan expressed disapproval
of the alarmist actions of some per-
sons and hoped the efforts to stir up
more ill feeling than already existed
would cease. He hoped all would wait
until the facts were known.

To Strengthen National Guard.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Major
General Snowden, commander of the
National Guard of Pennsylvania, has
issued general orders to every officer in
the state to recruit his command up
to the full quota required by law. The
orders were issued five days ago, with
instructions that they be kept a pro-
found secret. The officers were instruct-
ed to have their men ready to march
fully armed and equipped at 24 hours'
notice.

Gun Carriages Being Built.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 23.—Work on the
big government contract is now under
rapid headway at the Otis Steel works.
Five enormous gun carriages are being
constructed there. They are for 13-inch
guns, to be used on United States bat-
tleships. A similar carriage was com-
pleted some time ago and shipped east,
where it met the approval of the navy
department. General Manager Bartol
of the Otis plant says that orders have
been received to complete five more of
the carriages.

Wrecking Tug Sails For Havana.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 23.—The
wrecking tug Right Arm, which has
been hired by the government, left for
Havana harbor last night to work on
the hull of the Maine. The torpedo
boats Ericsson and Cushing have made
frequent trips to the New York and
Iowa, now off Sand Key, with dis-
patches. Rear Admiral Sigsbee, with
several officers of the New York and
the Iowa, has spent part of the day on
shore.

Woodford to Banquet Sagasta.

MADRID, Feb. 23.—United States
Minister Woodford was received in au-
dience by the queen regent. Minister
Woodford will give a banquet tomorrow
to Senor Sagasta, the premier, and the
other members of the cabinet; Senor
Polo y Bernabe, the new Spanish minis-
ter to the United States, and other mem-
bers of the diplomatic corps.

A squadron of torpedo boats has left
Cadiz for Havana harbor.

Orders For Connecticut Militia.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 23.—All the com-
mandants of the Connecticut national
guard have received a special order,
sent out by Adjutant General Haven.
They have aroused the military officers
because all the captains are ordered to
secure complete lists of the addresses of
their men to keep them upon their per-
son. Another order states that all the
rifles are to be kept ready for immedi-
ate use.

Captain Eulate Visited.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Admiral Bunce,
Major General Wesley Merritt and

Spanish Consul General Baldasano vis-
ited Captain Eulate on board the Span-
ish warship Vizcaya yesterday. Thou-
sands of persons went to Tompkinsville
to try to get a view of the cruiser, but
the fog was in the way. The vessel was
decorated, and a salute was fired in
honor of Washington's birthday.

Want Guns In a Hurry.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 23.—The
American Ordnance company has re-
ceived an order for guns which is ac-
companied by considerable mystery.
The order is for 40 6-pound rapid fire
hotchkiss guns, to be delivered at once.
The order came from E. W. Very, vice
president of the ordnance company, in
Washington.

Cincinnati Ordered to Barbados.

GENEVA, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Mrs. John
E. Craven of this city, wife of Fourth
Officer Craven of the United States
cruiser Cincinnati, has received a dis-
patch from her husband stating that the
Cincinnati has been ordered to the
Barbados from Montevideo and will
probably leave port at once.

DONNELLY-HANSON.

The Author-Lecturer and His Typewriter
Married In Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—The mar-
riage of Miss Marion Olive Hanson and
Ignatius Donnelly was solemnized yester-
day with much pomp and ceremony.
The nuptials were celebrated in the
Norwegian Methodist church, which
was completely filled with an audience
of about 600 who evinced a deep in-
terest in the affair. The church had
been handsomely decorated by the Ep-
worth league of the church, of which
Miss Hanson has been an active work-
er. A notable feature of the decorations
was the mingling of the flags of Nor-
way with the union jack and of the
United States, which were used con-
spicuously.

The floral decorations were carried
out in green and white. The ceremony
was performed by Rev. O. Jacobson.
Mr. Donnelly was attended by J. A.
Sutherland as best man and Mahon B.
Burke and J. M. Hawthorne of St. Paul
as groomsmen. The bride entered on
the arm of her father and was preceded
by her maid of honor and eight brides-
maids. Her gown was a heavy ivory
satin with full court train.
The marriage was followed by a small
dinner at the Nicollet House, and from
2 to 4 o'clock a reception was held at
the hotel, to which a large number of
guests had been invited. Mr. and Mrs.
Donnelly left last night for an eastern
trip of six weeks' duration and on their
return will reside at Nininger, Dakota
county. The bride, who is 22 years of
age, has been for about two years Mr.
Donnelly's stenographer.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

There has been another shooting af-
ray at Skaguay, Alaska.

The death of Charles W. Day, former-
ly of Buffalo, is reported from Honolulu.
Lehigh university beat Lafayette by
67 points to 29 in an athletic competi-
tion.

Three Italian workmen were killed
yesterday by an explosion of dynamite
in a stone quarry at Philadelphia.
Representative Overstreet of Indiana
has introduced a bill in congress es-
tablishing a military post at or near
Indianapolis.

The will of C. J. Sloat of Middletown,
N. Y., leaves his estate of several thou-
sand dollars to Miss Annie M. King of
Taunton, Mass.

Edward Rosenfeld, who contracted to
transport the government supplies from
Dyea to Dawson City, has been arrested
at Portland, Or.

At the weekly meeting of the Con-
gressional ministers in Kansas City
General William Booth and the Salva-
tion Army were severely criticised.

Gold Hunters In Trouble.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 23.—A party
of 40 Massachusetts men who are part-
ners in an Alaska venture under the
name of the Worcester and Northwest
Mining and Trading association of
Alaska are ready to leave for Alaska,
but their outfits have been attached by
the sheriff in a suit brought by the Pa-
cific Steam Whaling company of San
Francisco. The complaint alleges that
the party engaged passage on the
steamer Alliance for Copper River, but
just before the steamer sailed refused
to go on her. The steamship company
claims to have been damaged in the
sum of \$1,360.

Negro Postmaster Killed.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 23.—A special
from Lake City, S. C., to The Evening
Post says: "Postmaster Baker, a negro,
and his child were shot to death and
their bodies cremated. It is said that a
mob numbering several hundred sur-
rounded Baker's house, where the post-
office is kept, set fire to the building
and opened fire with guns upon it.
Baker's wife, his two daughters and one
son were seriously wounded. All the
wounded are maimed for life, and the
two girls may lose their arms. All of
the mail matter was totally destroyed.
There is no clew to the composition of
the mob."

Charges G. T. R. With Conspiracy.

MONTREAL, Feb. 23.—Mr. D. Mc-
Nicoll, general passenger traffic man-
ager of the Canadian Pacific railroad,
says that the cut in their local passen-
ger rates is not made because the
Grand Trunk is cutting theirs, but be-
cause the Grand Trunk is conspiring
with the western roads to undermine
the general business of the Canadian
Pacific.

They Don't Want to Strike.

LEWISTON, Me., Feb. 23.—The mule
spinners of this city and Auburn have
voted not to take any part in the gen-
eral strike which was recommended by
the textile unions at a meeting in Bos-
ton ten days ago.

Charged With Breaking a City Law.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 23.—Joseph
Steinberg has been arrested on the
charge of violating a health ordinance
by expectorating in a street car.

THE STATE OF CUBA.

**Senator Morgan Presents a
Document to the Senate.**

THE VIEWS OF CAPITALIST KOOP.

Senate Almost Unanimously Passes a Bill
Providing For the Enlistment of Two
Additional Regiments of Artillery.
Hawaiian Treaty Attacked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—As soon as
the reading of the historic farewell ad-
dress of Washington was concluded by
Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts in the sen-
ate Mr. Hawley of Connecticut, chair-
man of the military affairs committee,
called up the bill providing for the en-
listment of two additional regiments of
artillery for service in manning the
heavy coast defense batteries which
congress has provided during the past
two years. There was no factious op-
position to the measure, and it was
passed by a vote of 52 to 4.

Mr. Morgan of Alabama offered and
secured the adoption of a resolution in-
structing the committee on naval af-
fairs to inquire and report to the sen-
ate whether a warship to be named the
George Washington and to be equal to
the most powerful in the world could
be constructed and commissioned with-
in 12 months.

Cuba usurped the place of Hawaii in
the executive proceedings of the senate
and was under consideration for an
hour or more. This proceeding was
based upon a document presented by
Senator Morgan of Alabama as the re-
sult of an interview between himself
and a Mr. Koop of Boston. In pre-
sented the document Senator Morgan
said that Mr. Koop was a capitalist
who had but recently returned from
Cuba after a most exhaustive explora-
tion of the island. Senator Morgan laid
considerable stress upon the importance
of the document.

The document consisted of questions
by Senator Morgan and replies by Mr.
Koop. The latter said that he had been
in 34 provinces and had spent more or
less time in each of them in the prosecu-
tion of his inquiries. In no place out-
side of Havana, he said, was any effort
made to take care of the reconstruc-
tion, and he declared that the people
were dying in great numbers in all
places in which they had been collected
together by the Spanish authorities,
both as a result of the cruelty of the
Spanish troops and for the lack of food.
It was estimated, he said, that the war
has already cost 600,000 lives.

There was some comment upon the
document by Senators Morgan, Gallin-
ger and Mason, but no official action
was taken. Senator Mason said the
statement was no more than he had
expected to hear, and Senator Gallinger
declared that the picture drawn was a
deplorable one. He said that two years
ago he had advised that the United
States should intervene to put a stop to
the war and that every development
since had confirmed the wisdom of the
suggestion then made.

Hawaiian Treaty Attacked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Washing-
ton's birthday was celebrated in the
house, after a motion of Mr. Bailey to
adjourn had been voted down, with a
vast deal of political speechmaking,
and it was also signalized by the firing
of the first gun in opposition to Ha-
waiian annexation.

Mr. Johnson, an Indiana Republican,
delivered a speech that electrified the
house and the galleries in denunciation
of what he termed an attempt to cut
loose from the traditional policy of the
United States and enter upon a scheme
of colonization that had proved the ruin
of empires and of nations.

Arrested as a Lyncher.

VERSAILLES, Ind., Feb. 23.—C. H.
Hughes, superintendent of the county
infirmiry, has been arrested as one of
the lynchers of this city. The war-
rant shows that James A. Mount, gov-
ernor, is the complainant. The war-
rant charges Hughes with the murder
of Henry Shuler, one of the five men
lynched. Other arrests will be made.

Eskimo Curiousities For a Museum.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The Field Colum-
bian Museum has received 14 cases of
Eskimo curios and utensils, numbering
in all over 15,000 pieces. This addition
gives the Chicago institution by far the
largest and most complete assemblage
of arctic curios and implements in the
world, representing in all over 30,000
pieces.

Senator White Means to Retire.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Senator
White has stated that he will not be a
candidate for re-election. He added, "I
say this with reluctance, for my duties
are congenial to me and I am well sat-
isfied with my situation in the senate,
but business considerations of a per-
sonal character make this step neces-
sary."

Was a Playmate of Lincoln.

HODGENVILLE, Ky., Feb. 23.—Austin
Gollaher died yesterday, aged 93
years. Gollaher was the boyhood com-
panion of Abraham Lincoln. They were
born on adjoining farms and attended
school together. Gollaher, at the risk
of his own life, saved Lincoln from
drowning.

Suicide From Delirium Tremens.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 23.—Frank Law-
ler, a victim of delirium tremens jump-
ed from a window in Olneyville and was
instantly killed. Lawler was a weaver.
He came to Olneyville about a year
ago from Danielson, Conn., where he
has an aged mother living.

Convict Stabs a Guard.

CANON CITY, Colo., Feb. 23.—Frank
McPherson, a guard in the penitentiary,
has been fatally stabbed with a knife
by Charles Reynolds, a prisoner serv-
ing a term for burglary. Reynolds had
refused to obey orders and had been
reported by the guard.

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Mr. McKinley.

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Without Precedent or Predecessor He
Welded the Scattered Colonies Into
a Firm Union—Leading Points
of His Farewell Address.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—President
McKinley delivered the principal ad-
dress at the celebration of Washing-
ton's birthday at the University of
Pennsylvania. He said in part:

"In its entirety Washington's public
life is as familiar to the American stu-
dent as the history of the United States.
They are associated in holy and indis-
soluble bonds. The one is incomplete
without the other. But with all our
pride in Washington we do not infre-
quently fail to give him credit for his
marvelous genius as a constructive
statesman. We are constantly in dan-
ger of losing sight of the sweep and
clearness of his comprehension, which
accurately grasped the problems of the
remote future and knew how to formu-
late the best means for their solution."

"It was committed to Washington to
launch our ship of state. He had nei-
ther precedent nor predecessor to help
him. He welded the scattered and at
times antagonistic colonies into an in-
destructible union and inculcated the
lessons of mutual forbearance and frater-
nity which have cemented the states
into still closer bonds of interest and
sympathy. And how reverent always
was this great man; how prompt and
generous his recognition of the guiding
hand of divine Providence in establish-
ing and controlling the destinies of the
colonies and the republic."

But if a timely lesson is to be drawn
from the opinions of Washington on his
assuming the office of president, so also
is much practical benefit to be derived
from the present application of portions
of his farewell address—a document in
which Washington laid down principles
which appeared to him 'all important to
the permanence of your felicity as a
people.' In that address Washington
contends, in part: (1) For the promotion
of institutions of learning; (2) for cher-
ishing the public credit; (3) for the ob-
servance of good faith and justice to-
ward all nations."

"As the country has grown, education
fostered by the state has kept pace with
it. Nor does this seem surprising when
we reflect that the truest aim and
worthiest ambition of education are not
finished scholarship for the favored few,
but the elevation of a high standard of
citizenship among the many. How
priceless is a liberal education! In itself
it imparts by age, but its value increases
with use. No one can employ it but its
rightful owner. He alone can illustrate
its worth and enjoy its rewards."

"We have been fully rewarded all
along our history by adhering to the
principles of Washington in keeping the
public faith. From the day our flag
was unfurled to the present hour no
stain of a just obligation violated has
yet tarnished the American name."

The president, accompanied by Sec-
retary Porter, returned to Washington
last evening.

Eloped With an Indian.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 23.—Major
Fuller, agent of the Blackfoot In-
dians, has issued an order prohibiting
Mrs. Garrett White, a teacher in the
Fort Shaw Indian school, from living
on the reservation. A month ago she
eloped with White, a full blooded Piegan
Indian. She is a sister of the Rev.
C. C. Bateman, army chaplain at Fort
Belknap. As her return to the school
was forbidden, Mrs. White has been
compelled to accept a position as wait-
ress in a hotel at Dupuyer to support
herself and husband.

Cast Up by the Sea.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Feb. 23.—Two
bodies, supposed to be from the ill fated
schooner Marcellus of Searsport, Me.,
which was wrecked off Dolliver's neck
during the blizzard of Feb. 1, were dis-
covered on the beach yesterday a few
hundred yards from where the wreck-
age came ashore. Both bodies were
badly decomposed, and after being ex-
amined for marks of identification were
taken to the receiving tomb.

Mrs. Vanvleck Gets a Separation.

BUFFALO, Feb. 23.—The bitterly con-
tested divorce suit of Mrs. Marie Levan
Vanvleck against George H. Vanvleck
was decided yesterday by Justice
Spring, who grants the plaintiff a de-
gree of separation with an allowance of
\$250 a month. Mrs. Vanvleck is ordered
to leave the Vanvleck mansion on Dela-
ware avenue on March 15, the date for
the first payment of alimony.

The Phoenix Mystery Solved.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The mystery sur-
rounding the robbery of the Texas and
Southern railroad ticket office at Phoe-
nix, A. T., about a month ago, at which
time \$8,000 worth of tickets and \$700 in
money were stolen, has been solved by
the arrest and confession of Charles
Collins here. Collins implicated J. M.
Waterman, who is also under arrest.
The robbery was a daring one.

A Case of Mysterious Poisoning.

GOVERNMENT, N. Y., Feb. 23.—John
Young and wife and their son James,
residents of Natural Dam, a lumbering
suburb of this village, are ill from some
mysterious poisoning. Mr. Young's con-
dition is serious, but it is thought that
all three will recover. At their dinner
Monday they had a can of chilled beef,
and it is believed that this was respon-
sible for their illness.

Alleged Confidence Gang Arrested.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Edward Schultz,
Peter Raven, Harry Wright and Wil-
liam Prendergast, said by the police to
be four of the cleverest confidence men
in the country, were arrested yester-
day, charged with swindling Christian
Wuster of Dawson, Neb., out of \$3,000
in currency and \$2,000 in checks.

The Martin Trial.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 23.—At
the trial of Sheriff Martin and his de-
puties the defense continued by putting
witnesses on the stand who swore they
were terrified by the strikers. An old
woman, aged 82, swore a striker had
thrown a stone at her.

THE ASIA A WRECK?

Entire Crew of Twenty Men
Probably Drowned.

A DISMANTLED HULL DISCOVERED.

Two Bodies, One of a Man and the Other
of a Little Girl, Found Floating
to the Mizen Rigging
of the Derelict.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—There is scarcely
a doubt that the British ship Asia,
commanded by Captain G. N. Dakin,
bound from Manila for this port, was
wrecked somewhere in the vicinity of
Nantucket during the gales of the past
few days and that her entire crew of
20 men has perished.

This conclusion is not only borne out
by wreckage, consisting of the stern
of a boat with "Asia" painted on it,
boards and other materials which were
not ashore by the sea at Monomoy,
but Captain Hale of this city telephones
from Wood's Holl that while the tug-
boat E. V. McCauley was steaming out
to the large Excelsior, which lies sunk
on Handkerchief shoal, he saw posi-
tive evidence of the wreck of a large
square rigged vessel and recovered two
bodies from a portion of a dismantled
hull.

Captain Hale stated that while near
the Handkerchief lightship the tug
passed through a large amount of
wreckage, including bales of hemp,
broken spars and broken ship timbers.
Drifting in the midst of this mass was
a portion of the wreck on which two
bodies were washed. It was discovered
that the bodies were those of a man
and a little girl, apparently 10 or 12
years old. They were fast in the miz-
zen chains.

The tug was quickly headed in the di-
rection of the wreck, and the crew re-
leased the bodies, and the tug imme-
diately returned to Wood's Holl, where
the news was sent to this city. A later
message from Captain Hale stated that
the wreckage was fallen in with
about five miles north northwest from
the Handkerchief lightship. The star-
board quarter of the vessel was all
that remained intact. The man's body
was hanging to the mizen rigging
with the child in his arms. He had ap-
parently made frantic efforts to save
the little one when the seas overwhelm-
ed them.

The body was not that of Captain Da-
kin, judging from a master's certificate
found in the clothing of the dead man.
This certificate was issued at Wey-
mouth, N. S., to John Cook and gave
the year of the man's birth as 1845. The
man was light complexioned and slight-
ly bald. The little girl was also of
light complexion and bore a striking re-
semblance to the man. As the tug was
ordered away from Wood's Holl the
bodies were later taken ashore and given
to the keeping of some of the resi-
dents to await the medical examiner.

Mr. Herbert Hall of the firm of John
C. Hall & Co. of this city, the agents
for the Asia, was notified and imme-
diately placed himself in communication
with the owners of the vessel, Taylor
Bros. of St. John, N. B. The vessel's
cargo of hemp was consigned to Henry
W. Peabody of Salem, Mass., and
consisted of about 8,724 bales. This was
to be discharged at Constitution wharf.
Mr. Peabody said that the cargo was
probably insured. The vessel was val-
ued at \$25,000 and is thought to be only
partially insured.

Georgia Will Still Have Football.

ATLANTA, Feb. 23.—The city council
of Atlanta has driven the last nail
in the coffin of the football craze which
so firmly possessed the public a few
months ago. At the time of the mem-
orable killing of Gammon on the grid-
iron here last fall both the council and
state legislature passed prohibitory
laws. The legislative enactment has
been repealed, and now the last obsta-
cle to the sport has been removed by
the action of the city fathers. Indica-
tions are that the game will be as popu-
lar as ever here.

Populist Convention in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—Three hun-
dred Populists of both the middle of
the road and the fusionist variety met
here in state convention. Delegates
from every Indiana district were pre-
sent. The new state committee already
named is claimed by the fusionists. The
platform of the majority reaffirms faith
in the principles of the Omaha and St.
Louis platforms and pledges a renewal
of the fight "until every principle there-
in set forth shall be enacted into a law
and placed on record upon our stat-
utes."

Death From Inhaling Steam.

FITCHBURG, Mass., Feb. 23.—John
L. Jones and Felician Leliane of Leo-
minster, died at the Burbank hospital
as the result of scalding and inhaling
steam by the blowing out of the plug
in a boiler used in harvesting ice at a
pond in South Gardner. Lucien Farrar
and G. H. Lawrence, also of Leominster,
are also in the hospital seriously scalded
through the same agency.

Michael to Become a Jockey.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—The Post-Dis-
patch announces the retirement of Jim-
my Michael, the Welsh Rarebit, the
greatest rider the field of bicycling has
ever known. The Post-Dispatch has
learned that Michael's trip to New York
is for the sole purpose of entering the
employment of Phil Dwyer as a jockey
and riding his horses this season.

Mrs. Whitney's Condition Serious.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 23.—The condition
of Mrs. William C. Whitney is evidently
more serious than was at first thought.
She is still insensible to all feeling in
the upper part of her body, and only
semiconscious. Dr. McGahan, the resi-
dent physician, is in attendance on her
constantly.

Gas Explosion Results Fatally.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 23.—Mrs.
Edward Spencer and her daughter,
Elizabeth, who were burned by a gas
explosion in the cellar of their house at
Mill Creek last week, have died from
their injuries.

Reception to Ambassador White.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The reception of
the United States ambassador, Mr. An-
drew D. White, in honor of Washing-
ton's birthday, was attended by about
300 members of the American colony
here.


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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Light snow, to-night; fair, Thursday; fresh southwesterly to westerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Prank's drug store, to-day:
7 A. M., 33°; 12 M., 43°; 5 P. M., 42°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Feb. 23.—Mr. Beane from Boston, at Casino.
Feb. 25.—Keanan, Reels, Literary Club's lecture course.
Feb. 26.—Spelling Match at St. Paul's Church.
Feb. 28.—"The Wizard of the Nile," at Casino.
March 3, 4, 5.—Kinetoscope exhibition, at Casino.
March 9.—Gorton's famous New Orleans Minstrels, at Casino, under management of George Lee.
March 17.—Reception and ball of St. Patrick's Social Club, at Assembly Rooms.
March 17.—Masquerade ball, given by "Billy" Allison, at Casino Theatre.
March 25.—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.
April 15.—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Col. C. A. Burt, of Goshen, in his letter printed in this paper, has presented in most readable form some strong arguments in favor of road improvement. It is not likely that anyone will attempt to assail any of his propositions for in all discussions of the subject the advantages of better roads are conceded. How the improvement is to be made where differences of opinion arise. The poverty of many Orange county farmers makes them instinctively assume a hostile attitude toward any proposition that seems to foreshadow an increase of taxation, even though they may plainly see how it will benefit them in the future; and the selfish instinct in every heart very naturally makes the resident of Greenville or Highlands object to paying for improvement that will directly and immediately benefit only the central towns of the county.

On the other hand it may be set down as a certainty that if road improvement has to wait until its cost is borne by the properties most directly benefited—the farms abutting on the highways to be improved, it will never come.

State aid is the pet scheme of many, but the State has no money to spend on roads or for any other purpose that does not come from the pockets of the people through some form of taxation and the scheme of State aid has nothing to recommend it over a system of county improvement except the fact that the cities will have to contribute their share of what ever taxes are devoted to the betterment of country roads.

The subject is a wide one, for after the best and most equitable system of providing for the cost of the work has been agreed, on another question will arise as to what kind of road shall be built.

With the influential Orange County Horse and Road Improvement Association earnestly and intelligently working for better roads it is probable that road improvement in some form will be begun in this county at no distant day and, this being the case, there is no subject of more timely interest or greater local importance. And since the Association's plan of road improvement by the sale of county bonds is the only definite proposition now pending all discussion of the subject that is at all practical must centre around that plan.

WILL FIGHT FOR CUBA.

Dr. Pillsbury and Dr. Winant made speeches.

The Cuban meeting, which was held in the hall in Empire Block, Tuesday night, drew about fifty people. Dr. Burke Pillsbury was made chairman, and Constable Wood, Secretary.

Dr. Pillsbury, Dr. Winant and ex-Capt. Wood made addresses, and then a paper was opened for the signatures of those who want to fight Spain. It was signed by thirteen people. An adjournment was then taken until some future time.

Alarmed the Neighborhood.

An excited woman on Smith street, Monday afternoon, made so much noise and acted so queerly that the story started that she had attempted suicide. When the tale was investigated it was found to be only a case of domestic troubles.

Rush for Tickets.

There was a grand rush for seats for the "Wizard of the Nile," when the chart opened at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's.

A Sensible Man

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ZOLA GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS.

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PARIS, Feb. 23.—Zola was found guilty on all counts and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and was also fined \$5,000 francs.

NO NEWS FROM HAVANA.

No Official News Received in Washington—No Official Warnings to Americans from Consul General Lee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—No telegrams bearing on the Maine disaster have been received at either the Navy or State Departments, to-day. While there remains an air of expectancy among naval officers whenever there is the least suggestion of news from Havana, the Department appears to have settled down into its old routine.

The State Department authorizes the announcement that while Consul General Lee, in the course of friendly talks in Havana with Americans, may have expressed the opinion that there are at present places more desirable as resorts for persons who have no particular business there than Havana, the Department has not yet been advised that he has either officially or semi-officially delivered himself of any expression of the kind.

The department also denies that a hint has been conveyed to owners of American vessels at New Orleans, or elsewhere, that it would not be best for them to visit Cuban ports.

MANY SAILORS DROWNED.

Only Three of the Crew of the Ship Asia Saved.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 23.—The tug Mercury brings word that three of the crew of the ship Asia were rescued alive, yesterday, by the crew of the Handkerchief lightship. The men were taken from a piece of wreckage, upon which they had been floating for six hours. They report that the Asia struck on the great round shoal, off Nantucket, Monday, and went to pieces. It is believed that all except these three were lost, including Captain Dakin, wife and daughter.

AN AVALANCHE IN QUEBEC.

Four Persons Killed and One Injured—Two Houses Wrecked.

QUEBEC, Feb. 23.—Four lives were lost by an avalanche of snow in South Quebec, last night. One house was crushed by the weight of the snow, while the upper stories of another house were cut off from the first story and overturned. In front of it, upon the street, a man named Angers and two children were taken out dead. Mrs. Angers is seriously injured. Mrs. James King is buried under the wreckage and is undoubtedly dead.

REUNION OF VETERANS.

The 1st N. Y. Mounted Rifles Hold Their Annual Gathering at Deckerstown.

The reunion of the 1st N. Y. Mounted Rifles, held in Hornbeck's Hall, Deckerstown, N. J., Tuesday, was one of the most successful ever held by the organization.

The first thing on the programme after the "boys" had exchanged greetings was an excellent supper given by the ladies of Deckerstown. Addresses of welcome were made by the president of the association, Rev. E. A. Hamilton, and Mayor Decker.

Addresses were made by Col. Cole, of Jersey City, Col. Riley, of New York; Capt. Northrup, of New Jersey, and Sergt. Armstrong, of Brooklyn, who gave a graphic and interesting history of the regiment, and at the close of his remarks paid an eloquent tribute to Gen. Kilpatrick. He stated that while at West Point he learned that the general's grave there was still unmarked, and in behalf of the N. Y. M. R. donated \$100 toward a fund for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument, and immediately nearly \$500 was raised by the soldiers present.

Those present from Middletown were: Byron S. Dayton, of Troop D; George Gillett, of Troop C, and John D. Adams, who was an invited guest. Lucian Hall, of Ellenville, Troop C, and Gen. Hermann, of New York city, a Past Department Commander, of the U. V. U., were also present.

FUNERAL OF CHARLES E. FELTER

Largely Attended at the First Baptist Church, To-day.

The funeral of the late Charles E. Felter was held at the First Baptist Church, this afternoon, and the church was filled. There were delegations of Grand Army men and railroad men in attendance.

There was a long list of floral tributes. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, the bearers being: Philip Henry and Joseph Kniffin from the Union Veterans' Union; David H. Koder and John T. Ogden from Gen. Lyon Post, and J. B. Corkey and J. H. Close, representing the railroad men.

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ITCHING HUMORS

OBITUARY.

John G. Picot.

John G. Picot, a well known mason, died at his home, No. 6 Smith street, this morning. He was a popular member of Ontario Hose Company, No. 5. He is survived by his wife and several children.

Ed. D. Welling.

Word has been received of the death at Phoenix, Arizona, on Saturday, of Ed. D. Welling, of Warwick, who last fall sought a change of climate in the hope of recruiting his health, which had become seriously impaired. Pulmonary trouble was the cause of death. Mr. Welling was about twenty-eight years of age.

Mrs. Elizabeth Youngs Clark.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Youngs Clark, widow of the late Wm. H. Clark, whose death occurred at the home of her son, Wm. J. Clark, on the Lower Road, Sunday evening, Feb. 20th, was the daughter of the late Wm. O. and Elizabeth (Youngs) Little. She was born near Oxford, Orange county, N. Y., Oct. 18th, 1818. On Feb. 15th, 1838, she married Wm. H. Clark, of Unionville, and for a short time they lived on a farm near Unionville, known as the Cook farm. Afterward they moved to Unionville where her husband engaged in the mercantile business.

In 1848 they moved to the Pellett's Island farm, near the Walkkill, and since then her home has been in that vicinity. She lived for a few years at Ridgebury and for the last seven years with her son, Wm. J. Clark, on the farm of the late James V. Clark.

Her life was that of a true Christian. She always had a firm faith and trust in the Savior that enabled her to be cheerful at all times; no trouble or suffering was so hard but she knew it was for the best, no struggle within but there was cheer in her presence for all around her.

Her life has been an example worthy of all who knew her to follow, and no one knew her but to love her. Her children and her grandchildren rise up and call her blessed.

She is survived by four children: S. Frank Clark, of Slate Hill; Mrs. Kate E. Cummings, of Ridgebury; A. Youngs Clark, of Pellett's Island, and Wm. J. Clark, with whom she lived; also a sister, Julia, wife of David R. Clark, who is a brother of her husband. For the last fourteen years she has been a member of the Ridgebury Presbyterian Church, in which her husband was for eight years a ruling elder, after filling the same office for thirty years in the Denton Presbyterian Church.

The funeral took place, Wednesday, at 11 a. m., at her son's, Wm. J. Clark's, the old Clark homestead. Interment in the Clark burial plot on Pellett's Island.

HYMENEAL.

Gregory-Van Ness.

A quiet home wedding occurred at 2:30, this afternoon, at the residence of William Van Ness, 66 Academy avenue, when his daughter, Miss Anna G. Van Ness became the wife of Wilbur Smith Gregory, of near Eight-and-a-Half Station.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. John Greenleaf Oakley, pastor of the Centenary M. E. Church, Washington avenue and 166th street, New York city.

The bridesmaid was Miss Edith May Van Ness, sister of the bride, and the groomsmen were Abel Moshier, of Campbell Hall. The house was prettily trimmed with evergreens and flowers for the event. The wedding march was played by Miss Amstalden, and the couple were married under a floral bow.

They will leave on Erie No. 7, to-night, for Niagara Falls.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

EARLY SILK EXHIBIT!

We are showing a very attractive line of Fancy Silks in stripes, checks, plaids and brocades at 50, 60, 75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$2.

Corded Kaiki Wash Silks, in stripes and plaids, newest designs, 50c per yard.

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Telephone 166.

Our Derby Hats to Close at 50c. are Going Like Hot Cakes.

They are all good hats. Sold last fall for \$1.50 to \$3. Styles have changed, so SACRIFICE at 50c.

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COST SALE OF READY-MADE CLOTHING IS TAKING

People realize the advantage of buying NOW.

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Take no risk Buy a wheel that is built of only the finest material, by skilled workmen, and by a firm that has a reputation to maintain

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WE CARRIED OVER ONE WHEEL. WE SHOW NEW PATTERNS.

ALL THINGS COMBINE TO FORCE DOWN PRICES.

A Real Harvest Time for Buyers. High Quality Goods at Low Quality Prices.

2,000 yards Calicoes, 5c quality, 3 1/2c.

1 case Bleached Muslin, 7c quality, at 5c.

2 bales Brown Sheetting, 7c kind, at 5c.

500 Ready Made Sheets and Pillow Cases, the best kinds, at very low prices

5 pieces Table Linen, the 38c kind, at 29c.

5 pieces Table Linen, the 50c kind, at 38c.

50 dozen Hosiery, the 15c kind, at 10c.

50 dozen Extra Heavy Ribbed, 15c kind, 10c

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.

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What is More Attractive

Than a pretty face with a fresh, bright complexion? For it, use Pozzoni's Powder.

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Many good bargains in all departments, as

Winter Goods!

must go to make room for our large stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

Capes and Jackets.

WE HAVE A FEW NICE ONES LEFT, AND THE

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REMEMBER THE PLACE.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

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OUR NEWEST THING.

In fine stationery is the French Crepon Paper, which we offer at only 32 cents a pound.

We have it in four tints, cream, azure, rose, heliotrope, with envelopes to match.

This is the best thing we have ever offered in pound papers. Which tint will you have?

See our samples of the correct things in engraved cards. We supply promptly from new or old plates.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

ON TIME!

Yes, we're bound to be on time always. This time it is with a large line of Spring Suitings and Trouserings. You will see a display of them in our east window. They are UP-TO-DATE, every one of them, and an early order will prove satisfactory to the buyer, as there are some patterns shown now that can't be duplicated later in the season, and they won't cost you a cent more now than they would in July or August.

All Winter Overcoats, Heavy Gloves, Horse Blankets, Robes, etc., must go now—and go quickly. The time is on for a grand rush for bargains.

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Suit can be made by replacing your old pants with a pair from our stock. We are sole agents for the Dutchess Trousers, the best made pants in the world.

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MORRIS B. WOLF,

Blue Front Store,

10 North St.

OUR ANNUAL CLEARING SALE OF Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks Begins Monday, Jan. 3d

We have about 300 Cloaks to select from in all grades. Below we quote a few numbers—Our regular \$12.95 coat now \$7.95, our regular \$10 coat now \$6.40, our regular \$8.95 coat now \$4.75, our regular \$5.98 coat now \$2.98. Remember these are all facts, no sham figures. We stick to our custom, never advertise unless we have the article. Any one needing a Coat or Cape, should not lose sight of this opportunity at our handsome store.

L. STERN, 13-15 NORTH ST.

Still selling fine plaid, all lined Shirt Waists, regular \$1 kind, for 50 cents.

WE ARE JUST

Taking our annual inventory for the 25th time, and we arise to remark, look out for us this spring. You have heard of "blood on the moon," and a twinkle in your eye, etc., but you have not heard, no, not even dreamed, of the prices we are going to offer on

FURNITURE, Carpets and Crockery

this spring. It won't be necessary to go out of our city to get goods cheap or find an assortment as we have, about seven car loads on the way.

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

Italian Violet Perfume, exquisite, fragrant and lasting—the true reproduction of the delicate natural violet. Its popularity and sales constantly increasing; its odor unchanging.

There are other makes of Italian Violet Ours is the genuine and sold here at only our stores. McMonagle & Rogers, both stores.



Orange flower Balm keeps the hands smooth white and attractive. Used for thirty years by some people; used every year by those who know its great value.

Don't be misled by substitutes. There is but one Orange Flower Balm—we make it and sell it. (lots of it), at 25 cents per bottle. Both stores.

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WE HAVE ADDED

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A WRITTEN GUARANTEE WITH EACH MACHINE, AS WITH OUR

New, Clean, Up-to-Date FURNITURE, CARPETS, CROCKERY,

ETC. WE ARE

The Cheapest Place in the City.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY,
26 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Claims against United Fruit.
—Albion and its use for cheap at Church's.
—Entire stock at cost, at Geo. B. Adams & Co.
—Early silk exhibit at Carson & Turner's.
—Dinner room and west d.
—Fine property for sale by Gardner & McWilliams.
—Drawing for prize at Green's, etc.
—Dr. Volk will be in town, March 2d.
—Drops and pills for St. Louis Dyspepsia Tablets.
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Cholera given with Fairy Soap.
—Pain's Cure for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascara.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

—The Gormans in "Mr. Beane from Boston" at the Casino, to-night.

—Remember George Kennan's lecture on Russia at Congregational Church, Friday evening.

—Do you want to laugh to-night? If so, see "Mr. Beane from Boston" at the Casino, to-night.

—A special meeting of Ontario Hose company, will be held to-night, to take action upon the death of John Picot.

—At a Sunday night fire in Binghamton, Hennessy Bros., cigar dealers, who are well known here, were burned out.

—Grand Chief Templar Hooker will be present at the meeting of Excelsior Lodge, I. O. G. T., to-morrow, Thursday evening.

—The Gormans who made all the world laugh in "Gillhooley's Abroad" will play "Mr. Beane from Boston" at the Casino, to-night.

—Friday evening, Feb. 25, and not Thursday evening, as published yesterday, is the date of George Kennan's lecture on Russia at the First Congregational Church.

—George Kennan, who lectures on Russia, Friday evening, at the Congregational Church, is conceded to know more about Russia than any one in this country. His lecture will interest and instruct and will be well worth hearing. Tickets may be had at Hamord & Horton's.

PERSONAL.

—Harry Stevenson, of Paterson, is in town visiting friends.

—Miss Dora Bos-out, of Jersey City, who attended the K. of P. reception with Miss Birtwhistle, Tuesday night, returned home to-day.

—The Argus is in receipt of an invitation to attend a reunion of Eagle Hose Company at the Assembly Rooms, Wednesday evening, March 2d.

—Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Miller, of Chester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Emma Newcome, to Richard A. Kipp, of Goshen.

—Albert E. Phillips, Dept. Com. N. Y. and N. J. E. V. U., and Judge Advocate General Ritchie, of New York city, are guests of Capt. Fuller Command, to-day.

—The New Jersey Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of \$10,000 against the Paterson Railway Company, recovered by Hugh Murray for the loss of his three-year-old son's leg.

—Ernie Operator Harry W. Tuthill, who is said to be interested in the new railway journal to be published in this city, is spending a few days in New York. Ira Brink, of Pine Bush, is filling the position in the depot in his absence.

—Charles D. Burdett, purser of the steamer Old Dominion, of the Old Dominion Line, was in this city, Tuesday, accompanied by H. S. Chardavoyne and Henry J. Yerg, of Goshen. Mr. Burdett was the purser on the ill-fated Wyandotte, which sank off Newport News in April, 1896, when Messrs. Chardavoyne and Yerg were on board.

—Rondout Valley Railway Franchise Granted.

The State Railroad Commission has granted an application of the Kingston and Rondout Valley Railway Company for permission to build a steam road twenty-six miles long, from Ellenville to Kingston in Ulster county. The money to build the road is to be supplied by New York capitalists.

—Death of a Veteran.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

Philip O'Neal, a veteran of the Civil War, died, early Tuesday morning, at his home on Greenview street. The deceased was about sixty-five years of age and for a number of years was employed at the Stony Ford Stock Farm. He had suffered for a long time from cancer. A widow survives him.

—Returned to Scranton, To-day.

Rosa Sordam, Ed. Clark and Wm. Welsh, of Scranton, who have been guests of Miss Hattie Hulse, returned home, to-day. At the euchre party given in their honor the ladies' prizes fell to the Misses Fanny and Clara Johnson. The lucky young gentlemen were Mr. Welsh, of Scranton, and Dan. Towner, of this city.

—At Foreclosure Sale.

A. V. N. Powelson, referee, sold, to-day, at the Holding House, the Fannie J. Amick property of twenty-one and a half acres in the town of Minisk. It was bid in for \$200 by the plaintiff, Eber L. Brown, who holds two mortgages, one for \$400 and the other for \$500, on each of which three years' interest is due.

—Police Court.

—Charles Brown, who was found asleep in a snow bank, on East avenue, Tuesday, was fined \$5, this morning, which he paid.

—Municipal Notes.

—The wedding of Harriet Alice, daughter of Lester T. Leder, and Floyd W. Strong, of Syracuse, occurs at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

LANCELOT LODGE'S RECEPTION.

The Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the Order of the Knights of Pythias, celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the order, Tuesday night at its Castle Hall, and a number of friends were invited to participate. If this particular lodge room needed anything to make it the finest lodge room in this section of the State it was the attention of Florist Bartholomew. Finer decorations than were produced by him on this occasion have not been seen at any public event in this city. Potted plants, Virginia smilax and cut flowers were used in profusion and with fine effect, and on the north station was a large badge of the order in flowers, the letters "F. C. B." being set in a floral background of red, white and blue. The chandeliers, pictures of past chancellors, etc., were all trimmed with smilax.

The Knights made a splendid showing and their committee men were especially attentive to their duties, and each visitor was made at home within the portals.

The programme of the evening included an address by Rev. J. Newton Emery, violin selections by Miss Lottie Wells, which were heartily applauded, well played selections by the Harmonica Club, and vocal selections by D. D. Ellenberger.

The supper which followed the literary and musical programme was by no means secondary to it. The ladies had arranged the tables prettily in the banquet hall, and they were occupied three times before all had feasted.

Dancing followed and was continued until a late hour.

During the evening Osterhout took a flashlight picture of the scene. The Chester contingent went home on Erie No. 12, at 4:49 a. m.

This morning liberal allowances of refreshments were sent the following sick members: Gabriel Tuthill, Samuel Foster, Wm. Randall and Benj. Robshaw.

Among those in attendance were the following knights from Chester, and a number of ladies: W. F. Dewey, T. A. Weller, H. B. Smith, C. G. Crist, F. S. Decker, W. W. Bacon, E. M. Lansing, J. H. Smith, H. L. Decker, Ira D. Cannon, H. Hudson, E. M. Thompson, Dr. E. D. Backman, John McGrath, and John Ryan.

The committees in charge of the affair were as follows:

General Committee—J. T. Robertson, M. B. Van Fleet, F. W. Brown, M. Bartholomew, George Pierson, W. J. Comfort.

Reception Committee—J. G. Harding, C. E. Mance, N. W. Wood, Thomas Desmond, A. B. Wilbur, W. N. Knapp, E. J. Vaughn, J. E. Gibbs, C. L. Elwood.

Floor Committee—W. A. Vail, C. Dickinson, G. Van Schaick, C. H. Sharpe, Charles Dawson, Frank Miller, W. B. Ketcham.

Supper Committee—Messdames M. B. Van Fleet, DeWitt Osborn, Charles Woodward, E. J. Vaughn, John Young, Oscar Terwilliger, A. Y. Harris, Wm. Shannon, Chas. Van Schaick and C. C. V. Ketcham.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

The Minisk Valley Historical Society elects officers.

The annual meeting of the Minisk Valley Historical Society was held in Port Jervis, Tuesday. Rev. Dr. Mills was elected president; W. H. Neupass, corresponding secretary; Dr. W. L. Cuddeback, recording secretary; Dr. F. Van Liew, treasurer.

Rev. D. F. Bonner, of Florida, and C. H. Woodward, of Hawley, Pa., were elected corresponding members. Al. Marvin and George Farnum were elected resident members.

Many valuable documents were presented to the society by James Euston, Horton Easton, Dr. W. L. Cuddeback, Mrs. Benj. Van Fleet, Mrs. Juliet Wilkin and Miss May Osborn, both of Otisville, and others. The thanks of the society were tendered to the donors.

J. V. Morrison, of Wurtsboro, read a paper on the history of Lenape Indians, which was extremely interesting.

SHOWING ACETYLENE GAS.

Maybee and Lane, the State Agents, are in town.

J. J. Maybee and J. W. Lane, of Roscoe, agents for this State for the Bournville Gas Machine, have been at the Russell House since Monday afternoon, giving exhibitions of the working of acetylene gas. The exhibitions have been visited by a large number of people, who have listened with interest to the technical explanations of the method by which this perfect light is produced, as presented by J. N. G. J. Backer, a patent lawyer of New York city, who is also interested in the patent on this machine.

It is claimed that this light is cheaper than oil, and many experts in lighting have looked at the exhibit, to-day.

A Disabled Trolley Car.

Car No. 8 broke her trolley pole at the Sprague avenue bridge at the 11:30 trip to Goshen, was abandoned, to-day. The disabled car, with about a dozen passengers on board, was assisted uptown.

Buried in Hillside Cemetery.

The body of the late Barney Perry was brought to this city from Orr's Mills on the O. and W. Day Express, this morning, and was interred in Hillside Cemetery.

The need of a good Spring Medicine is almost universal and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's.

MRS. CLEMONS'S RECEPTION.

The Young People of the City Enjoy the Hospitality of Her Delightful Home on Highland Avenue.

Tuesday evening, Mrs. Geo. N. Clemson, in honor of her nieces, Miss Maudie Alfrede Davis and Miss Lucille Brown, the latter of Jersey City, entertained fifty of their young friends in the attractive and spacious home on Highland avenue.

The rooms were very tastefully decorated by Bartholomew in appropriate red, white and blue, the national colors, and with a profusion of potted plants and flowers. Southern smilax was also very prettily and effectively draped about the columns and arches. By the way, this is probably the first time that the southern smilax has ever been seen in Middletown.

The hostess and her nieces were assisted in receiving by Mrs. W. W. Taylor.

Dancing was enjoyed to the music of Bright's orchestra with the addition of a clarinet from the West Point band.

During the evening the guests were taken at intervals into the dining room where they were served with refreshments. In this room the decorations were very patriotic, comprising red, white and blue ribbons draped from the center of the ceiling to the corners of the table.

The cream was served in the form of George Washington hatchets, and other appropriate designs.

It was about 1:30 a. m., when the pleased guests bade adieu to their kind entertainers who had given them the opportunity to spend the night so enjoyably.

A LECTURE ON RUSSIA.

George Kennan's Lecture, Friday Evening, Will be Worth Hearing.

It is to be hoped that the people of Middletown realize the greatness of the opportunity which the appearance of George Kennan, the great traveler, will bring to them on Friday evening next.

Mr. Kennan is the one man in the world to-day outside of Russia thoroughly conversant with the social and political condition of that vast empire, for he has traveled through it from end to end, and that he kept his eyes and ears wide open as he went along, his brilliant articles in the Century abundantly attest.

It will be a damning reflection upon the intelligence of our city if this distinguished traveler, who has lectured before the universities of Europe, and all the great literary and educational gatherings of our own country, is not welcomed on his visit here by a large and representative audience.

Mr. Kennan will describe his Russian experiences, next Friday evening, in the First Congregational Church. He will appear in Russian costume.

WALKKILL COUNCIL'S BALL.

Drew a Large Crowd to the Assembly Rooms, Tuesday Night.

The first annual ball of Walkkill Council, No. 92, J. O. U. A. M., was held at the Assembly Rooms, Tuesday night, and was largely attended. McWilliams' orchestra furnished the music for dancing.

The committees were:

Committee of Arrangements—James F. Hallock, chairman; Joseph D. Brinkerhoff, Henry C. Loveland, Robert W. Lindsay, Jacob S. Ballman.

Floor Committee—Jacob S. Ballman, floor manager; Robert W. Lindsay, Joel B. Wheeler, James S. Browning.

A NEEDLESS ALARM.

Sent in from Box 54, Shortly After Noon, To-day.

The ashes from the steam heating apparatus are dumped in the cellar of the Low Block and, to-day at 12:30 o'clock, when the janitor dumped some on the heap a thin smoke went up through the hole in the floor in Shannon's store, burned at the recent fire. Mr. Shannon became alarmed and sent a boy to ring up box 54, and the department quickly responded.

Chief Higham investigated and then sent in the recall.

DRUMMED FOR PATIENTS.

DeWitt Drum Corps Gave a Fine Entertainment at the State Hospital.

DeWitt Drum Corps repeated the entertainment recently given at the Casino, in the State Hospital Hall, Tuesday night. The programme was long and good, and the patients were intensely interested, applauding the numbers generously.

Wasn't Moved Yet.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm Wilkinson was notified by the Council to change the fire alarm box, No. 57, from a swinging pole on South street and Franklin Square to the new pole. The change has not yet been made.

Colored Folks Danced at Seating Hall.

A private hop was held at Seating Hall, Tuesday night, which was attended by a party of well known colored people.

The coaches were running from the hall at 5 o'clock, this morning.

Are Expected from the South To-morrow Night.

W. H. Knapp and T. A. Weller are expected to return from their Southern trip, to-morrow night.

Scald head is an excema of the scalp—very severe sometimes, but it can be cured. Doan's Ointment, quick and permanent in its results. At any drug store 50 cents.

Diphtheria relieved in twenty minutes. Almost miraculous. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At any drug store.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

The Street Lighting Contract—An Old Clock—The Gold Fever—No Tax of St. James' Guild—A Wednesday Service—Between the Acts—Well Ac. ed. by Amateurs—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—The village, through its attorney, W. D. Mills, has made a contract with the Goshen Light and Power Company for street lighting during 1898, at the same rate paid last year, \$3,000. The new contract calls for eleven additional incandescent lights and two arc lights for the church park during band concert season.

—Sheriff Strong has in use in his office a grandfather's clock, which has been the property of his family for more than a century.

—Roscoe Decker, of Monticello, is visiting his brother, Arthur Decker, of this place.

—A three-act comedy by B. L. C. Griffith, called "Between the Acts," given by the Goshen Amateur Club, last night, filled Music Hall to overflowing. The comedy is bright and sparkling, and was exceptionally well acted. Austin B. Keef trained the actors. The story has to do with the mixup that ensued when Dick Comfort tried to conceal his marriage from his uncle who promised to cut him off unless he did not remain single. The cast of characters was:

"Dick" Comfort, married, yet single..... Clarence H. Clark
George Merrigale, an unfriendly friend..... Robert W. Rodman
Alexander Meander, Dick's uncle, blamed but blameless..... B. Williams
Barrie, Comfort's man-servant..... A. Brewster Clark
Mrs. Clementina Meander, Dick's aunt, blameless but diam..... Ella Wood
Edith Comfort, Dick's wife, unknown, unbothered and unbothered..... Komaine Kelley
Sally, Mrs. M. and P.'s maid..... Adelaide Grier

—There is in prospect the formation of a company in this village to send a representative to the Alaskan gold fields. A meeting of the parties interested is set down for Friday evening.

—St. James' Guild met, this afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Percy Wisner.

—A dance will be given in Purdy's Hall, to-morrow night, by a number of young people.

—St. John's and St. James' churches held appropriate Ash Wednesday services.

—The dance at St. John's Hall, last night, was a successful and enjoyable affair.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S FIRE.

Was of Incendiary Origin and Police Are Investigating.

A fire alarm sent in from box 57, at Franklin Square, about 8:30 Tuesday night, brought the firemen quickly to the Robertson property on South street, recently purchased by Frank Crawford.

The fire was of incendiary origin, being started in a pile of shavings in an out-house built on the rear of the main house. Eagles put one stream on and quickly extinguished the blaze, after but slight damage had been done.

Mrs. Smith, who lives opposite the house, saw a man come from behind the house a few moments before the fire was discovered. She gave Capt. Veber a description of the man, who ran up South street after leaving the property, and that official is investigating the matter thoroughly.

Frank Crawford has offered a reward of \$25 for the conviction of the incendiary.

A GEORGE WASHINGTON DINNER

Given by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wilcox in Honor of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wilcox gave a George Washington dinner, Tuesday evening, in honor of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thos. Gordon. The decorations were red, white and blue.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Finn, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Slanson, and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Decker.

Bying Man Grasps at a Straw.

"Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart did so much for me, that I feel I owe it to suffering humanity to give testimony. For years I had smothering spells, pains in my left side, and swelled ankles. When I took the first dose of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, my friends thought I was dying, it gave me almost instant relief, and six bottles entirely cured me."—Mrs. F. L. Dunsdon, Scranton, Pa. Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers

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Cure Your Stomach.

You can quickly do this by using South American Nervine. It can cure every case of weak stomach in the world. It always cures, never fails. It knows no failure. It will gladden your heart and put sunshine into your life. It is a most surprising cure. A weak stomach and broken nerves will drag you down to death. South American Nervine will help you immediately. No failures; always cures; never disappoints. Lovely to take. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist, Middletown, N. Y.

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Apron Gingham at 4c a yard.

Dress Gingham at 4c a yard.

Wide Domet Flannel at 4½c a yard.

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POWERFUL MAGNETS.

To Be Used in Raising an Ill-fated British War Ship.

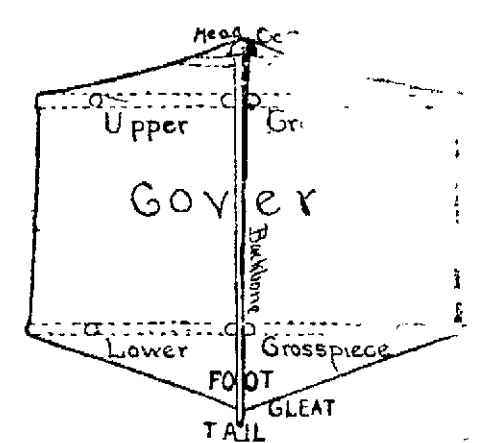
The ingenious scheme which has been talked of for raising the ill-fated Victoria of the British navy, which now lies at the bottom of the Mediterranean, in 450 feet of water, off the harbor of Tripoli, has called attention to the possibilities in the employment of powerful magnets for raising iron and steel vessels sunk in deep water—too deep to admit of the use of divers. The weight of this wreck in water is estimated at 7,000 tons. It is suggested that powerful hydraulic rams and dynamo machines and a series of electromagnets be arranged on pontoons at the scene of the wreck. A magnet lowered over the side and coming within reasonable distance of the sunken vessel would be drawn toward it, and would stick with a power of 100 tons to any part of its iron or steel with which it came into contact. As each magnet-made attachment, which would be indicated by means of an electric dial on the pontoon, a trial pull would be given to the rope to ascertain whether a connection had been made to a firm part of the wreck. Were this test not satisfactory, the magnet would come off, and its position would be charged until a firm grip had been made. When all the magnets had been fixed, the wreck would be ready for raising. Each lifting rope would be attached to the lifting pontoon by means of a sheave on the head of a hydraulic lifting ram with a 12-foot stroke, which would give an effective lift of 24 feet. Each hydraulic cylinder on the pontoon would be in connection with all the others, and a balancing accumulator would prevent any rope getting more than a normal strain of 100 tons.

When the rams had made their full stroke, the lifting ropes would all be simultaneously held in position. The rams would then be lowered and another lift of 24 feet given to the wreck, which, as it reached the surface, would be towed to shallower water and then beached.

KITE EXPERIMENTS.

Devices Submitted to the British Aeronautical Society.

At the late meeting of the Aeronautical society, the most practical suggestion was a military kite by Capt. Baden Powell. This is an ingenious application of the lifting force of the ordinary kite, by multiplying the number and area of the kites according to the weather. Capt. Baden Powell has managed to raise an officer's tent into the air as follows:



BADEN-POWELL KITE.

A complete survey of several miles of country. The value of such an apparatus in time of war could hardly be exaggerated. Capt. Baden Powell also exhibited a gliding apparatus, a sort of flying machine, composed of a bamboo framework and canvas. This, however, has not progressed much beyond the theoretical stage, and it remains to be seen how it will work in practice.

The soaring apparatus exhibited by Mr. Pileher is perhaps the most perfect of its kind. It consists of two large lateral wings, attached to a framework of bamboo. It is similar in character to the soaring machines invented by Herr Lilienthal, of Berlin, by which the inventor unfortunately met his death. Mr. Pileher, however, claims to have discovered a method of preventing currents of air from getting under and upsetting the machine, as was the case with Herr Lilienthal.

May Moore, R. E., who was the third speaker, is the inventor of an ingenious electric motor, which he claims will prove invaluable in aerial navigation. It is as close a reproduction of the art of flying as has yet been achieved. It contains a number of powerful springs which cause the sails of a flying machine to open and shut in imitation of the action of a bird's wings.

Individuals as Magnets.

Recent French experiments have developed the curious and unexpected fact that certain persons possess a magnetic polarity—that is, they act as magnets, having north and south poles. Such a person, when completely undressed and placed near a sensitive galvanometer, will, when turned on a vertical axis, cause a deflection in one direction and then in the opposite, just as a magnet would. All persons do not possess this polarity. Prof. Musani, an Italian, upon whom the experiment was tried, exhibited this phenomenon, and it was found that his breast corresponded to a north pole and his back to a south pole.

Air Impregnated with Salt.

One of the features of the new hospital building in Berlin is to be a large room in which patients with maladies of the respiratory organs can breathe air artificially impregnated with salt.

We Will All Be Insane.

An English statistician has figured out that in the year 2301 there will be no further use for insane asylums, for there will be no sane persons left to lock up the crazy ones.

The Size of the Ocean.

If the whole ocean were dried up all the rivers of the world would have to pour their waters into its basin for 40,000 years before it would again be full.



There is a fascination about a vigorous, healthy woman, which touches every heart.

Physical weakness is a great drawback to a woman's social success. As she loses healthy plumpness she loses attractiveness. A woman had even better be too stout than too thin; but either extreme shows a lack of healthy condition.

If you are not physically up to the mark, appetite uncertain, digestion poor and a general sense of weakness and incapacity, you will find the robust health and energy you need in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It renews the blood with the vital life-giving red corpuscles which drive out all morbid elements, and create new tissue, hard muscular flesh and active nerve force.

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Mrs. Ella Howell, of Derby, Ferry Co., Ind., writes: "In the year of '88 I was taken with stomach trouble—nervous dyspepsia. There was a coldness in my stomach, and a weight which seemed like a rock. Everything that I ate gave me great pain; I had a breaking down sensation, was swelled across my stomach; had a ridge around my right side, and in a short time I was bloated. I was treated by three or four physicians, but got no relief. Then Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery was recommended to me and I got it, and commenced the use of it. I began to feel better, and in a few days I was able to walk across the room without assistance. I took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and his Favorite Prescription, and one bottle of the 'Pleasant Pellets.' I began to improve very fast after the use of a few bottles. The physicians who attended me said I had 'dropsy' and that my disease was leading into pulmonary consumption. I had quite a cough, and the home physicians gave me up to die. I thank God that my cure is permanent. I do not feel any symptoms of my old disease. I cannot praise Dr. Pierce's remedies too highly. The medicines come the nearest to 'raising the dead,' of any I have ever known about. They are worth their weight in gold."

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Was Taken Internally.
He found his hair was leaving him at the top of his head and took his barber to task about it.
"You said me two bottles of stuff to make the hair grow—"
"It is very strange it won't grow again," said the barber; "I can't understand it."
"Look here," said the man, "I don't mind drinking another bottle of this stuff, but the last."—Boston Times.

A Desperate Man.
"I will tell you a secret, gentlemen," said Mrs. Smallpore to her boarders. "Mr. Hunker is to be married soon, and will go to housekeeping."
"Well," replied the chronic bachelor, "it does not much surprise me that men will resort to desperate measures to escape from boarding-houses."—N. Y. World.

A Certain Test.
Anxious Mother—Always dip the thermometer in the water before you begin bathing baby, to see that the water's not too hot or too cold.
Nurse—Shure, we don't do that way at home, ma'am. We just puts the baby in the water. If it goes red all over, we know it's too hot, and if it goes blue, then we know it's too cold.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Count's Mistake.
"So Gwendolyn is not to marry the count, after all?"
"No. Poor man; he tried to tell her that her singing was something that made one glad to live, and his pronunciation was so broken that she thought he said it made one glad to leave. And then she requested him to leave."—Indianapolis Journal.

Second Sight.
Miss Candor—What a splendid world it would be if we could only see ourselves as others see us.

Miss Hardhead—I know something better than that.
Miss Candor—What?
Miss Hardhead—To see others as we see ourselves.—Brooklyn Life.

Counting Up.
"I don't mean to intimate," said Mr. Meekton, "that you want any more than your share. But, supposing that women were admitted to suffrage; what would you do with your two votes?"
"My two votes?"
"Yes, Yours and mine."—Washington Star.

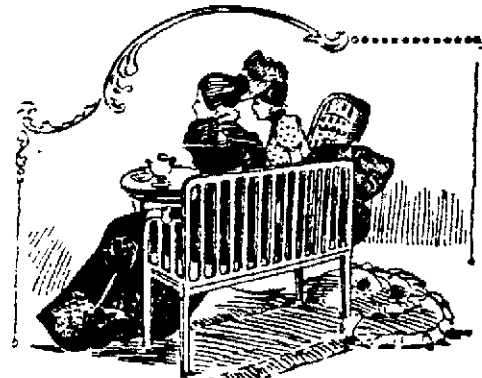
Needless Cure.
"I don't know that I really blame Mr. Kicker," observed Mrs. Kicker. "but I can't help noticing that since he insured his life for \$20,000 he takes over so much better care of himself than he did when he hadn't a cent of life insurance!"—Chicago Tribune.

Too Much Expected.
Myrtle—My father says that he will shoot you if you ever show your face here again.
Reginald—Good-bye, sweetheart. That settles it. I do not want to court you and death at the same time.—Up-to-Date.

Why He Was Grateful.
"Doctor," said the substantial citizen, as he rushed up to the young practitioner, "I owe you my life."
"Eh?"
"Yes. I was taken suddenly ill two days ago, and my wife sent for you—and you were not in!"—Tit-Bits.

An Echo from Antiquity.
Out of the tomb of men long dead—
Out of oblivion's night—
Comes the cry that Helen's hair was red
And the wooden horse was white.

IN THE DISSECTING ROOM.



Ethel—Do you think her costume is tailor made?
Maude—Yes, but probably not tailor paid.—N. Y. Herald.

Emphatic.
"Do you love me better than your life?"
"Was the gushing girl's appeal."
"Do I love you better than my life?"
"I love you better than my wheel."—N. Y. World.

The Result.
"If you had four apples," said the teacher, "and your father gave you four more, what would you have?"
"Apples," replied Bobby.—N. Y. Journal.

But There Isn't.
Mrs. Benham—I bought a book to-day called "Cooking Made Easy."
Benham—I wish there was some way of making cooking easy to eat.—N. Y. Truth.

Easily Proven.
She—George, do you believe that "out of sight is out of mind?"
He—No! Turn the gas out and I'll prove it.—Puck.

The Institution a Failure.
"He was brought up in a reform school, I understand."
"Yes; but it didn't seem to work."—Chicago Journal.

Easily Guessed.
Q.—Why should the habitual criminal be devoid of cowardice?
A.—Because he has the courage of his convictions.—Punch.

The Cheerful Idiot.
"Speaking of the somnambulist," said the Cheerful Idiot, "he at least is no idle dreamer."—Indianapolis Journal.

When Men Are Equals.
All men are equal—that is, at their birth, and once again when buried in the earth.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLE.

Eric Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:
Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 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